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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ROMANIAN JEWISH EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL
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1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR CAHANA TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 8 THAT HE TOO IS PUZZLED BY REASONS FOR THE DROP IN DEPARTURES (56 ACCORDING TO HIS FIGURES) IN JANUARY. AT THE MOMENT FEBRUARY DEPARTURES APPEAR TO BE ONLY IN THE "DOZENS." HE, HOWEVER, DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY PERTURBED AND BELIEVES IT MAKES THE MOST SENSE TO WAIT UNTIL ABOUT THE FIRST OF APRIL TO SEE WHETHER THIS DROP CONTINUES BEFORE DRAWING ANY CONCLUSIONS. HE REASONS THAT, AS IN THE PAST, THE GOR WILL NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO MAKING CONCESSIONS AND THEREFORE ANY INCREASED APPROVALS WILL BE MADE IN ENOUGH TIME BEFORE BELGRADE AND MFN RENEWAL SO AS NOT TO SEEM CONCESSIONS. CAHANA NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH ROMANIANS HAD SUGGESTED TO AVINERI WHEN HE WAS HERE LAST MONTH THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AT INDIVIDUAL CASES, GOI IS STILL NOT PREPARED TO FOLLOW INDIVIDUAL CASE APPROACH. AMBASSADOR CAHANA HAD NO INFORMATION ON GOI-GOR EMIGRATION TALKS, BUT AS REPORTED ON OTHER OCCASIONS HE AND HIS PREDECESSORS HAVE KEPT (AND BEEN KEPT) CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENTIONALLY SEPA
ETE FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR IS SEEING ABRAHAM KARLIKOW OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 9 AND RABBI ROSEN FEBRUARY 11. WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST THAT DEVELOPS.

3. COMMENT: WILL WITHHOLD FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL AFTER
DISCUSSIONS WITH KARLIKOW AND ROSEN, BUT OUR INCLINATION,
LIKE AMBASSADOR CAHANA'S, IS TO WAIT AND SEE WHETHER
THERE IS A TREND OR NOT.
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